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C.O.P.T. MEETING MINUTES
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Tuesday, April 17, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Delaware State Police Academy
Route 13, Dover, Delaware State Police

- I. Meeting called to order by Chairman Coupe at 10:31 a.m.
- II. Those in attendance were:

MEMBERS

Secretary Robert M. Coupe, Chairman – Council on Police Training
Jeffrey Horvath – Delaware Police Chiefs' Council
Mr. Robert Irwin – Proxy for Matthew P. Denn, Attorney General
Major Robert A. Hudson II – Proxy for Colonel Nathaniel McQueen, Delaware State Police
Captain James Gestwicki – Wilmington Police Department
Captain Diane Smith – Proxy for Colonel Vaughn Bond Jr., New Castle County Police Department
Chief Marvin Mailey Jr. – Dover Police Department
Sergeant Christopher Jones – Proxy for Chief Paul Tiernan, Newark Police Department
Mr. Jermaine Hatton – President, Delaware League of Local Governments
Mayor Robin R. Christiansen – Mayor of the City of Dover
Chief William Bryson, Chairman- Camden Police Department
Mayor William West – Georgetown Mayor

ADMINISTRATOR

Captain Jennifer D. Griffin – Delaware State Police

LEGAL COUNSEL

DAG Rae M. Mims – Department of Justice

GUESTS

Chief Scott Collins -Selbyville PD
Michael Chionchio – State Fire Marshalls Office
Master Police Officer Carolyn Lund – University of Delaware PD
Captain Douglas Messeck – DNREC
Christopher Klein – Deputy Principal Assistant Department of Homeland Security
Ward Scott Collins - Selbyville PD
Kevin Woerner – New Castle County PD
David Hunt – Capitol Police
Laura Giles – Elsmere PD

III. Review and approval of January 16, 2017, C.O.P.T. meeting minutes

Chairman Robert Coupe entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2017, meeting. A motion was made by Mayor Robin Christiansen, and seconded by Robert Irwin to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2017, meeting; approved unanimously.

IV. Reactivation

A. Robert Johnson – Capitol Police

Chairman Robert Coupe entertained a motion to approve the reactivation of Robert Johnson. A motion was made by Chief William Bryson and seconded by Robert Irwin to approve the reactivation of Robert Johnson. Approved unanimously.

B. Robert Curry – Capitol Police

Chairman Robert Coupe entertained a motion to approve the reactivation of Robert Curry. A motion was made by Robert Irwin and seconded by Sergeant Chris Jones to approve the reactivation of Robert Curry. Approved unanimously

V. Decertification of Officers - Hearings

A. Michael J. Huttie – DSP

Chairman Robert Coupe entertained a motion to decertify Michael R. Flaherty, based on the hearing board's recommendations. A motion was made by Chief William Bryson to decertify Michael R. Flaherty and seconded by Sergeant Chris Jones. All approved. Mayor Robin Christiansen recused himself.

B. Michael Spencer – Wilmington PD (Administrative)

Chairman Robert Coupe entertained a motion to decertify Michael Spencer. A motion was made by Mayor Bill West to decertify Michael Spencer and seconded by Chief Marvin Mailey Jr. Captain James Gestwicki Abstained. Mr. Robert Irwin recused himself.

VI. Certification of Officers

A. Delaware State Police

COPT	Name	Department
5371	Schuele, William R	DSP
5372	Aquino, Courtney C.	DSP
5373	Batschelet, Robert M.	DSP
5374	Boyda, James D.	DSP
5375	Celpan, Irina	DSP
5376	DiGati, Anthony C.	DSP
5377	Franck, David T.	DSP
5378	Galiani, Michelle V.	DSP
5379	Gaskin, Patrick B.	DSP
5380	Giakas, Christopher K	DSP
5381	Green, Andrey M.	DSP
5382	Greenawalt, Trevor C.	DSP
5383	Halis, Hasan	DSP
5384	Harris, Robert A.	DSP
5385	Johnson, Dean A.	DSP
5386	Justice, George R. III	DSP
5387	Merritt, Julie R.	DSP
5388	Moyer, Cody D.	DSP
5389	Nowakowski, Ryan M.	DSP
5390	Perry, Kyle L.	DSP
5391	Rosario, Brandon	DSP
5392	Santangelo, Alyssa L.	DSP
5393	Snook, Joshua L.	DSP
5394	Triantos, Brandon E.	DSP
5423	Balan, Jared A.	DSP

Municipal Departments

5395	Bennett, Kathryn E.	DRBA
5396	Boesenbergh, Jared P.	Felton PD
5397	Breckner, Kyle L.	Milford PD
5398	Carignan, Dustin J.	Greenwood PD
5399	Catalfamo, Thomas L.	Dover PD
5400	Chapusette, Jerry A.	DE State University PD

5401	Efelis, Michael E.	DRBA
5402	Franzone, Roman S.	Elsmere PD
5403	Frey, John F.	Elsmere PD
5404	Frye, Kody A.	Dover PD
5405	Gerstl, Jay A.	DRBA
5406	Haines, Stephen T.	Middletown PD
5407	Haynes, Kenneth L.P.	Bethany Beach PD
5408	Howell, Terohn L.	DE State University PD
5409	Kite, Stanley M. IV	DRBA
5410	Lake, Melissa M.	Dover PD
5411	Little, Miles H.	DE State University PD
5412	Malone, Rhett C.	Milford PD
5413	Palm, Joseph L.	Seaford PD

Chairman Robert Coupe entertained a motion to approve the certification of officers both DSP and Municipal. A motion was made by Mayor Robin Christiansen and seconded by Chief William Bryson. Approved unanimously.

VII. Old Business

- A. DAG Rae Mims prepared an MOU for Sussex Tech Seasonal Officer program. The board was given one week to respond with any changes to the MOU pending feedback. Chairman Robert Coupe entertained a motion to approve the MOU. A motion was made by Chief William Bryson and seconded by Mayor Bill West. (Note: Captain Jennifer Griffin contacted Steve Rust of Sussex Tech and was advised that the school no longer wants to pursue an MOU to provide the training.)

- B. Sgt. Chris Jones – Master Firearms Instructors needed – Certified Instructors outside Certification option Lesson Plan

Chairman Robert Coupe entertained a motion to approve the certified instructors outside certification option Lesson plan. Chief William Bryson made a motion to approve the outside certification of Sgt. Chris Jones, Robert Irwin seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

- C. Certification Update- Heather Golding – Delaware State University PD

After discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Robin Christiansen to table the suspension of Heather Golding until the next COPT meeting where she will be invited to provide information. This was seconded by Chief William Bryson. Motion was approved.

- D. COPT Regulations and Policies revision/committee update

Two of the three subcommittees have met on numerous occasions to revise the COPT regulations. After discussion, it was decided that a special session will convene for finalize the revisions to move the project to the next phase.

VIII. New Business

A. Certified Firearms Instructors & Secondary Employment

Please notify Captain Griffin if you are aware that a certified Instructor is utilizing their COPT certification outside of a sponsoring agencies firearms training. For example, if a firearms instructor is advertising themselves as a COPT instructor for a non-sponsored training.

B. Master Firearms Instructor~ M/Cpl. Kevin M. Woerner NCCPD

Chairman Robert Coupe entertained a motion for Master Firearms Instructor- M/Cpl Kevin Woerner, motion was made by Chief William Bryson and seconded by Mayor Robin Christiansen. All were in favor, with one abstention from Captain Diane Smith (NCCPD).

C. Annual Survey

Chris Klein gave a brief summary of the Annual Survey to include the specialties of instruction currently being provided by COPT Certified Instructors.

D. Decertification Hearings ~ Recording

Captain Jennifer Griffin proposed to use a digital recording device at the hearing in place of the stenographer. Which could be transcribed later if needed.

Chairman Robert Coupe entertained a motion to use the digital recorder. Motion was made and seconded by Chief William Bryson. All were in favor.

IX. Decertification Hearings Findings ~ Michel & Saint-Vil WPD

The board recommended to not decertify either officer, because they were not afforded a LEOBOR Hearing. A motion was made to follow the board's recommendation by Chief William Bryson, and seconded by Councilman Jermaine Hatton. Captain James Gestwicki abstained. The motion carries to not decertify Jillian Michel or Michael Saint-Vil.

X. Adjournment was at 12:24 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday July 17, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at the Training Academy

